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NRO/JRC Agreement

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Subj: Fubini's Proposed NRO/JRC Proposal

.....Main problem in para 3 which give McNamara the option of transferring NRO msns to JCS "during ~~xx~~ periods of war or tension." I believe such decision should be joint with DCI.

My concern springs from the quality of our experience with DOD on reconnaissance matters. First, we pooled our reconnaissance programs with theirs under a joint office - NRO. We then turned over control of that office both operationally and review-wise - to DOD people. The effect of this contro control during the past year has been to eliminate CIA from active participation in satellite reconnaissance. The same combination is now actively seeking to pull TAGBOARD into DOD leaving only OECART in CIA. It seems to me that this new agreement provides the tool for excluding the CIA from manned reconnaissance operations on the decision of DOD. Of course we cannot presume that this agreement will be so exploited. However, I do wonder what we gain by placing such weapons in the hands of an organization which has found it difficult to resist using them in the past.

At the very least we had best spell out the vehicles in para 2 which are to be included in the agreement.

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